

# YOU CAN'T WIN ON THE WRONG ROAD

Change direction before it becomes your destination.



# WINNING REQUIRES REFUSAL

We all want to win—in our families, health, finances, and purpose. But Psalm 1 reveals that deep well-being (the Hebrew concept of Ashrei) is not just about what God puts into your hands.

**Winning is determined by what you refuse.**

Sometimes winning means walking away, deleting the number, or getting out of a seat you were never supposed to occupy.



# THE ANATOMY OF A FALL

Sin rarely destroys a life in one dramatic moment.  
It gains ground one compromise at a time.

## WALKING

Influence: Listening to ungodly counsel  
Result: Your thinking changes

## STANDING

Influence: Remaining in a sinful path  
Result: Your behavior changes

## SITTING

Influence: Settling among scorners  
Result: Your identity changes

Your direction becomes your position. Your position becomes your identity.

# 1. Don't Walk in the Counsel of the Ungodly

**Halakh** (Walking) = Direction.

**Etsah** (Counsel) = Strategy & Purpose.

This is not about one accidental step; it is allowing a voice to establish the direction of your life. Counsel is more than conversation—it is communication intended to shape a decision.

**Before the enemy changes your destination, he will try to influence your direction. Wrong voices produce wrong choices.**

# UNGODLY DOES NOT MEAN UNINTELLIGENT

Ungodly counsel can sound reasonable, compassionate, and sophisticated. Its defining trait is simply that God has been removed from the reasoning.

## THE UNGODLY FILTER

- What makes you happy?
- What makes you money?
- What protects your image?
- What feels right?
- What is everyone else doing?

## THE GODLY FILTER

- What has God said?
- What honors Christ?
- What protects my calling?
- Where will this decision take me spiritually?

## 2. Don't Stand in the Path of Sinners

**Amad** (Standing) = Position.

**Derekh** (Path) = Destination.

You are no longer moving past it. You have stopped and become comfortable. You were only listening; now you are lingering. What begins as proximity can easily become participation.



**Stop asking only, 'Is this wrong?'**

**Start asking: "Where is this taking me?"**

# 3. Don't Sit in the Seat of the Scornful

**Yashav** (Sitting) = Identity.

**Letsim** (Scornful) = Mockers.

Temporary exposure has become permanent identification. You stayed so long they assigned you a seat.

## The Danger of Scorn

A sinner may still feel conviction, but a scorner laughs at the very truth that could save them.

**Sin becomes especially dangerous when conviction turns into comedy. You cannot win while sitting in a seat designed to destroy your faith.**



# You Cannot Build a Life on Avoidance Alone

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord...” (Psalm 1:2)

**Chephets** (Delight) = Deep desire.

**Torah** (Law) = Loving instruction.

Psalm 1 doesn't just tell us what to reject; it tells us what to embrace. It is not enough to say 'I am not going there.' Something holy must replace what you removed. Then. **The problem isn't always a lack of time; it is a lack of appetite.**



# The Engine of Meditation

Biblical meditation (*Hagah*) is not emptying your mind. It is filling your mind and mouth with God's truth.

You overcome what the world keeps repeating by repeatedly speaking what God has said.



# The Anatomy of a Rooted Life



**Deliberately Planted (Shatul):** You are positioned by God. You are not carried away by every cultural trend or emotional crisis.



**Continuing Source (Palgei):** You still face heat and wind, but your roots access deep irrigation that external droughts cannot cancel.



**Produce in Season (Peri & Et):** A healthy tree doesn't panic in winter. It knows winter cannot cancel spring. Roots develop before fruit becomes visible.





# The Side Effects of the Wrong Way

## 1. Instability (*Mots / Chaff*)

Chaff has no roots. Without biblical convictions, public opinion, culture, and your own emotions become your wind.

## 2. Emptiness

You can preserve an image while losing your spiritual weight. A tree produces to feed others; chaff contributes nothing.

## 3. Destruction (*Avad*)

The entire road collapses. The ungodly have got it no enduring future.

## 4. Destruction (*Mod*)

The entire road collapses. The ungodly road doesn't merely have potholes; it has no enduring future.

# THERE IS NO THIRD ROAD.

## THE UNGODLY

Voice: Ungodly Counsel

Condition: Scattered Chaff

Destination:  
A Way That Perishes

## THE RIGHTEOUS

Voice: God's Instruction

Condition: A Planted Tree

Destination:  
A Way Known by God

You cannot continually listen to the wrong counsel, sit in the wrong seat, and expect the right destination.

# The Lord Knows Your Way

God knows what you refused. God knows what you walked away from. God knows the cost of your obedience. And when God knows (Yada) your way, you are never walking alone.

Grace has given you another opportunity. Get up from the seat. Step out of the path. Reject the counsel. Change your direction before it becomes your destination.



## Choose Your Road

**I will guard my ears. I will watch my steps. I will choose my seat.**

**I will reject ungodly counsel.**

**I will leave every destructive path.**

**I will delight in God's Word.**

**I will remain planted.**

**I will bear fruit in my season.**

**I will win God's way.**